

Coop's Scoops # 217 Wednesday June 30th, 2021

Today is the day I get my second covid-vaccine! I am excited and happy about that! Not everyone wants to be vaccinated, but I sure do. I am grateful to all the volunteers working at the Sportsplex today ensuring that I have a safe and welcoming experience, as well as to the medical people administering the shots.

In less than two weeks I'll be able to visit and hug family members I haven't seen for so long! And soon after that we will be able to worship together, albeit with reduced numbers, at St. Thomas! Be sure to call the office to get your name down for 9am or 11am - 30 people maximum at each service! For those not sure about 30 people.....there will be a Thursday morning 10am Eucharist in Browning Hall for a max of ten people ...with the windows open....call to reserve for that as well.

When you make your own **decision** about whether or not to attend at public worship, **please consider these facts:**

- * We are required to wear masks at all times except for those persons who can not do so for a medical reason
- * We will maintain social distancing and all safety procedures as directed by the Diocese and Public Health Unit
- * Know that others attending may, or may not, have received the corona virus vaccine.



That may seem too much risk for some of us, and so print service and sermon materials will be on hand for any who decide not to enter; and I will continue to send out the Sunday Scoops for those who have been receiving them and decide not to attend open worship at this time.

WELCOME HOME JULY 11TH, 9 AM AND 11 AM , CALL TO BOOK!

News from the Parish and Diocese:

- **Congratulations to Jaqueline Stirrup who is a first time grandmother! She is hoping that her daughter Rowan, her son-in-law and their new baby son will be visiting with her in the coming months.**
- **Please send an email or text to Annette Procunier, wishing her a happy move, as she is leaving Bracebridge for a new adventure in Georgetown next week. She has been an awesome, generous and active member of our congregation, just recently becoming a Lay Reader, but called now to move on to a new place, new faces, and new challenges and opportunities.**
- **Please continue to pray for Marg P and John A as they continue to suffer pain and illness.**
- **Happy Summer Holidays to all the Messy Church kids and other students finishing School now. Nice weather and lessened covid restrictions are helping to make for a happier summer for all.**



From Regional Dean Heather Manual: I've updated our website, www.muskokachurches.com to feature the following videos for prayer and study:

-'Every Child Matters: Truth...Act One' the first of 2 episodes from Canada's National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation'.

-'Refugee Tales: A Foster Child's Story' an episode from a video series by Canterbury Cathedral

-'Faith At Home for Families and Children: Climate Care' an episode about caring for our world from the Church of England

-Sunday June 27th Morning Prayer video from All Saints, Huntsville.

I've also included the 'Thank You' from our outgoing Lay Steward Lynne Preston, and the Covid Communique from the Synod Office regarding the Province moving into Step 2 on Wednesday.

A Gentle Tickle or two for your funny bone:



Scripture for today: Psalm 42: 11 (The Message)

Why are you down in the dumps, my own dear soul?

Why are you crying the blues?

Fix my eyes on God—

soon I'll be praising again.
He puts a smile on my face.
He's my God.

Homily:

Usually I stick to the NRSV translation of the Scriptures, but today The Message (which is not a translation, but rather a paraphrase), but I really find the Message version of this Scripture so compelling. It acknowledges that we all have dark times, when our souls are troubles - whether by circumstance, illness, dashed hopes, betrayal, whatever – and we do quite need to sing the blues a bit. Then it reminds us, even while the tears are flowing, that one day or one hour soon I will be praising God again. When we fix our eyes on God, on His character, on His love, on how He has brought us through before, on how Jesus lifts us up and never let's us go....then, God will again put a smile on our face. Not right away, but sooner than we could imagine when the Blues are our theme song.

Prayer in Poetry! (segments from Thomas Troeger, Borrowed Light)

“Dear **heart**, hold fast....,one truth clasp

Center on Christ alone

On Christ alone

Christ alone

Christ

Soul, drive deep.....One thought keep

Center on Christ alone

On Christ alone

Christ alone

Christ

Church, bow low...one faith know

Center on Christ alone

On Christ alone

Christ alone

Christ”

Blessing:

Gracious Spirit, make it so for all who come to You this day!

And the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with you and remain upon you. Amen

- Judie+